

THANK YOU for sharing your blessings with us during **Our Great Revival campaign!** Your gift gets us closer to the start of Phase 1 in our church renovation!

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Cash \$449,872

Pledges \$28,560

Total \$478,432

as of January 4

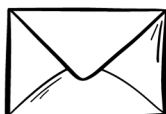
Goal Phase 1 \$1 million



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Online Giving



**at Church
Doors**

Join Hallow for Free & Keep through Lent!

Our partnership with the Hallow app allows our parishioners to access all the material in the Hallow app from Advent through Easter Sunday without having a paid subscription. Login at **Hallow.com/holyday** and follow the prompts. **You should NOT have to put in payment information.** Ask a staff member for more details.

Re|Engage is January 20!

It's time to **Re|Engage!** Married & engaged couples are invited to go on a date night before joining us in the church hall at 7:30pm. We will have drinks and dessert with time for visiting with other couples, followed by prayer & reflection on the upcoming Sunday gospel. This will enrich your marriage and connect you to other couples in the parish. We meet every 3rd Saturday of the month from 7:30-8:30pm in the cozy corner of the church hall. Come when you can! **Our next session is January 20 at 7:30pm!**

Contact frwhite@stleolafayette.com for more info.

**Save
the
date**

Men's Retreat

Save the date for St. Leo's Men's Retreat **February 29—March 2.** This retreat is led by Fr. White and fellow St. Leo parishioners. It will be held at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau. Watch for registration details soon to come.

We Bridge Heaven & Earth by

Resting in Jesus

Adoration

Mass

Retreats

Building Community

Ongoing Small Groups

Seasonal Small Groups

Showing Mercy

Mercy Missions

We want every parishioner to

- attend adoration at least once a week
- attend a small group at least once a month
- attend a mercy mission at least once a year

Visit our website for more details on small groups, mercy missions, and adoration times.

Formed.com for YOU!

We are called to be life-long learners— disciples-of Christ. To help you and your family grow in our Faith, **we make Formed.org available to you.** There is content for all ages and stages. Young adults who went to SEEK (or those who wanted to go, and couldn't): Several of the talks are available on FORMED.org. Once you create an account and sign into FORMED, **search for seek|focus.**



I need to change my information.

Updates for Us?

We are updating our church records! If you have a new address, phone number, email address, etc, please let us use the QR code to the left and let us know. This helps us keep you informed!

A MONTH AT A GLANCE

Collections in bold stay at St. Leo.

January

21st Music Ministry

28th Latin America

February

18th Black & Indian

25th Easter Flowers

Thank You!

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VOL. 65

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

NO. 2

SACRIFICIAL GIVING Sunday, January 7, 2024

Offerings

\$11,377.89

THANKS



PARTNERING
with CATHOLIC CHARITIES
of ACADIANA **1/1/1 CAMPAIGN**
TEAM UP AGAINST HUNGER

We are grateful to be partnering with Catholic Charities in their 1-1-1 campaign to feed the hungry. We are hosting a **food drive for the month of January** and will be collecting items every weekend before and after Mass at each entrance of church. Want to drop off during the week? Email tiffany@stleolafayette.com.

COLLECTING: *Dried Pasta*
Canned Soup *Canned Fruit*

MASS INTENTIONS for January 6– January 14, 2024

Sat. 1/13:	4:00 PM	Tara Stelly Christensen
Sun. 1/14:	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners
	10:30 AM	James Murray Reynolds
	5:00 PM	Michael & Pam Rodreick
Mon. 1/15:	PVT	No Intention
Tues. 1/16:	5:30 PM	Edmond Dupre, Jr.
Wed. 1/17:	7:30 AM	Bella Hernandez
Thurs. 1/18:	5:30 PM	Martha Daigle
Fri. 1/19:	7:30 AM	Rickey Menard, Jr.
Sat. 1/20:	4:00 PM	Allen Chiasson
Sun. 1/21:	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Edmond Dupre, Jr.
	5:00 PM	Michael & Pam Rodreick

For Scripture readings, please visit www.usccb.org/readings

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

Marriage Retreat

Our Lady of Wisdom's Heart to Heart married couples retreat will be held **January 26-28** at the Wesley Retreat Center in Woodworth, LA. Fr. White will reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and its practical implications for marriage and family.

Visit ragincajuncatholics.org/marriageministry

Senior Luncheon!

Senior Luncheon took a break in November and December. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year. Our next Senior luncheon will be on **Wednesday, January 17 at 11am in the church hall.**



Celebration of Baptism

We welcome **Lucas Ryan Fontenot**, son of Christopher and Cassie Meche Fontenot into the church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, January 6, 2024.

Homily Snippets

When we encounter Christ on our own, everything changes. The Lord often uses other people in our lives to invite us to take the next step where we can encounter Jesus. Everyone has an innate desire for God, but we often look for the Lord in the wrong places.

The Magi had a desire to search for God. King Herod also wanted to find Christ. Herod felt threatened and reacted out of fear, while the Magi were drawn to the Christ child by a star or an angel. When they found Him, they prostrated themselves in worship, before returning home, changed.

We can all be stars or messengers; the sign that points others to Christ so that they can encounter Him for themselves. We are all expected to evangelize. Invite others to Mass, to Adoration, to a small group or a Bible study. Share a book or a podcast or a video that spoke to you. Maybe you are the star that points them to Jesus. Evangelization is about relationships. Who is the Lord calling you to invite?

Want to hear more? Listen to all of Fr. White's homilies on our website. stleolafayette.com/podcast

be a *small*
group
leader

Small Group Leaders!

We are preparing for our next round of small groups and are looking for leaders! Leading a small group is not about having all the answers, but about building relationships. If you

would be open to leading a small group beginning in February, please reach out!

Contact Tiffany@stleolafayette.com for more information.

Small Groups Starting in February!

Small groups are coming soon! We encourage you to jump into a small group to experience a community of people that are growing and learning with one another.

Visit stleolafayette.com/smallgroups to check out the selection! More groups may be added, so check back frequently.